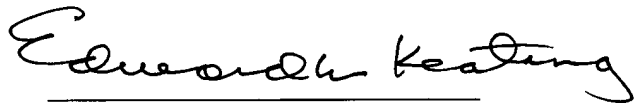


REMARKS

Claims 13 and 14 which have been rejected by the Examiner have been cancelled. Therefore, it is believed that a formal notice of allowance for claims 1-12 be issued and such action is requested. Applicant retains the right to file divisional or continuing applications to the subject matter of claims 13 and 14 of this application which have been cancelled.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Edward M. Keating". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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